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SUBJ: POLICEMAN KILLED IN GUNFIGHT WITH TERRORISTS

1. MONTERREY NEWSPAPERS REPORT THAT DURING EARLY HOURS OF NOVEMBER 26, POLICE ENGAGED IN TWO GUNFIGHTS WITH TERRORIST GROUP. ABOUT MIDNIGHT, PATROL UNIT INVESTIGATING SUSPICIOUS AUTOMOBILE WAS SUDENLY FIRED ON BY OCCUPANTS, RESULTING IN WOUNDING OF ONE POLICE OFFICER. ASSAILANTS FLED SCENE, AND CAR LATER FOUND ABANDONED. SEARCH CONTINUED FOR SUSPECTS WHO ALLEGEDLY WERE LATER SEEN IN PICK-UP TRUCK. ANOTHER PATROL CAR GAVE CHASE. TRUCK SUDDENLY STOPPED AND TWO OR THREE INDIVIDUALS GOT OUT, SHOOTING AT POLICE CAR WHICH WAS STRUCK TWELVE TIMES BY 45 CALIBER AND 9 MM BULLETS, KILLING ONE OFFICER. SUSPECTS FLED ON FOOT. ABANDONED TRUCK CONTAINED WEAPONS (INCLUDING HIGH-POWERED RIFLE WITH TELESCOPIC SIGHTS), AMMUNITION, TARGET SILHOUETTES, FALSE LICENSE PLATES, A QUANTITY OF SUBVERSIVE PROPAGANDA, AND THE DE RIGUEUR PORTRAIT OF CHE GUEVARA.

2. INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION AND SEARCH NOW UNDERWAY FOR TERRORISTS, WHOM POLICE IDENTIFY AS MEMBERS OF GROUP WHICH PERPETRATED 500,000 PESO SUPER-MARKET ROBBERY LAST MONTH. IDENTIFICATION BASED ON MONEY-BAGS AND CASH FOUND IN ABANDONED TRUCK.

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3. COMMENT: CIRCUMSTANCES OF THESE TWO ENCOUNTERS AND THE CONTENTS OF ABANDONED PICK - UP TRUCK INDICATE STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT TERRORIST GROUP WAS EMBARKING ON AN OPERATION, POSSIBLY A ROBBERY OR KIDNAPPING, WHEN THEIR PLANS WERE INTERRUPTED BY POLICE. TRUCK REPORTEDLY CONTAINED LIST OF PERSONS (ALL OF WHOM ARE SAID TO BE LOCAL MEXICAN BUSINESSMEN) WHO APPEAR TO BE LIKELY KIDNAP TARGETS. INCIDENTS SUCH AS THIS CAN ONLY REINFORCE FEARS OF LOCAL COMMUNITY THAT TERRORISTS WILL STRIKE AGAIN IN ORDER TO DEMONSTRATE THAT ARRESTS FOLLOWING THE GARZA SADA ASSASSINATION HAVE NOT RPT NOT INCAPACITATED THEIR ORGANIZATION, AND ALSO IN POSSIBLE EFFORT TO GAIN RELEASE OF ARRESTED COMRADES AS PART OF RANSOM FOR A KIDNAP VICTIM.

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